Schemes Lying Pending with Ministry of Rural Development

3298. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that

(i) Rural Link Road Project ;

(ii) Indira Aawas Yojana Houses for Chenchus ;

(iii) Artificial Recharge of ground water by Check Dams ;

(iv) Constitution of D.P. A.P. in Andhra Pradesh in general and for Anantpur district in particular ;

(v) Drinking Water Schemes ;

(vi) National Wasteland Development Project ;

(vii) Rural employment project for agricultural workers ; are pending with the Ministry of Rural Development ; and

(b) what action has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) : (a) and (b) Following projects received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh are under examination in the Ministry of Rural Development :

(i) Rural Link Roads ;

(ii) Artificial Recharge of Ground Water by Check Dams ;

(iii) Rural Self-Employment Programme for Agricultural Labour through Horticulture Plantation ;

Further, a sum of Rs. 50.80 lakhs has been released as Central share of assistance for construction of 500 houses for Chenchus during 1992-93.

A proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of a "Drought Prone Area Development Authority" in Andhra Pradesh in general and on a pilot basis in Anantpur district has been received and necessary comments on the proposal have been sent to the State Government.

As regards "Drinking Water Schemes", certain proposals received from the State Government are under technical scrutiny.

Similarly, proposals from Government of Andhra Pradesh have been received regarding certain projects under Integrated Wasteland Development Project

One scheme each in Nalgonda & Cuddapah districts has already been approved. The schemes in respect of five districts viz. Cuddapah, Mehbub Nagar, Nellore, Nizamabad and Vishakapatnam are under consideration. In addition, nineteen projects received under National Wasteland Development Board (NWDB) for Grants-in-aid are also being processed.

Emigration of Indian Inventor

3299. SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY : SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in Times of India dated 30th March, 1993 entitled 'Indian inventor may emigrate soon' wherein it has been highlighted that Dr. Dhani Ram Baruah, who has manufactured artificial heart valves of international standards and which also is cost effective, may emigrate to a foreign country in the absence of proper facilities in India ; and

(b) if so, what measures Government have taken to prevent his emigration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The Government gives no special protection or facilities for valve manufacturers. Any one developing an artificial valve in conformity with the recommendations of the International Standards Organisation is free to organise clinical trial of the valve and its manufacture for sale. The quality of the valve, long term results in patients and comparative cost are the factors on which its success will depend. These considerations will apply in the present case as well.

श्रीनगर स्थित मौसम विज्ञान विभाग का स्थानांतरण

3300. श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी :
श्री राम सिंह राठवा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि मौसम विज्ञान विभाग के कर्मचारी जंगजुओं द्वारा स्वयं पर हो रहे हमलों को देखते हुए श्रीनगर स्थित मौसम कार्यालय को वहां से हटा कर किसी अन्य स्थान पर ले जाने की मांग कर रहे हैं ;